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YAR'ADUA SAID HE APPRECIATED THE VALUE OF PRIVATE SECTOR TRAINING. ALL MAJOR CONTRACTS HENCEFORTH WOULD HAVE A QUANTIFIABLE TRAINING COMPONENT BUILT IN. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING WAS EXTREMELY VALUABLE. THIS FACTOR WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE ALLOCATIONS OF EXPATRIATE QUOTAS, SINCE FOREIGN EXPERTS IN SUFFICIENT NUMBER WERE A PREREQUISITE TO SUCH ONSITE TRAINING. CONTRACT FORMS WERE NOW BEING REDESIGNED ACCORDINGLY.

8. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION THE CONTRIBUTION THAT MULTI-LATERAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UN OR THE EEC MIGHT MAKE, YAR'ADUA SAID THE INITIAL EMPHASIS OF THE PROGRAM WOULD BE ON BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS. IF THESE RESOURCES PROVED INADEQUATE, THE FMG WOULD THEN CONSIDER CASTING ITS NET WIDER. (RECALLING THAT MAURICE FOLEY HAD COME TO LAGOS LAST OCTOBER TO OFFER SUBSTANTIAL EEC RESOURCES FOR SIMILAR TECHNICAL MANPOWER TRAINING, I QUERIED YAR'ADUA SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE EEC ROLE. HE REMEMBERED HE HAD RECEIVED FOLEY ON

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OBASANJO'S BEHALF BUT WAS BAGUE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS.)

9. I TOLD YAR'ADUA THAT THE USG WOULD LIKE TO COLLABORATE TO

EXTENT POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE IN ASSISTING NIGERIA TO ADDRESS ITS MANPOWER CHALLENGE. WE WERE ALREADY ENGAGED IN THE EFFORT ON SEVERAL FRONTS AND THERE WERE A VARIETY OF US GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE RESOURCES THAT MIGHT BE TAPPED FURTHER. I MENTIONED FAA SECTIONS 661 AND 607 AS ONLY TWO EXAMPLES. I CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER IN MORE DETAIL WITH HIS ASSOCIATES IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT ANY FMG VISIT TO WASHINGTON WAS ADEQUATELY PREPARED AND STAFFED IN ADVANCE. COULD HE IDENTIFY WITH WHOM WE MIGHT MAKE CONTACT? YAR'ADUA SAID HE CHAIRED A "CENTRAL COMMITTEE" COMPOSED OF COMMISSIONERS FROM KEY MINISTRIES, SUCH AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRIES, EDUCATION, AND WORKS. A SUBORDINATE WORKING LEVEL COMMITTEE WAS BEING FORMED AND WOULD BE PUT INTO TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY VERY SHORTLY.

10. COMMENT: A. ALTHOUGH VAGUE ON DETAILS AND GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF KNOWING THE FMG MUST DO MUCH MORE RESEARCH, THINKING AND PLANNING ON THE SUBJECT, YAR'ADUA IMPRESSED US VERY MUCH AS A MAN WITH A MISSION, DEEPLY COMMITTED TO DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WITH THIS NEW PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE THE MANPOWER CONSTRAINT TO NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT. (HIS ONE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE PROGRAM IN THE CONTEXT OF RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN LATE 1979 MADE ME WONDER WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THIS PROBLEM COULD PERHAPS BECOME A SINE QUA NON IN HIS OR OTHER MILITARY MINDS TO A HANDOVER OF POWER TO CIVILIANS. CONVERSELY, CIVILIANS ONCE IN POWER MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BLAME THEIR MILITARY PREDECESSORS FOR MANPOWER DEFICIENCIES THEY WILL CLAIM THEY INHERITED). B. WE WERE PLEASED AND SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO FIND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BOTH FOREIGN AND NATIONAL, HAD BEEN FACTORED INTO THE ANALYSIS OF NEEDS. (THE ACCURACY OF THE FACTORING IS SOMETHING ELSE.) ALSO ENCOURAGING WAS YAR'ADUA'S ADMISSION THAT QUANTIFICATION OF THE TRAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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COMPONENT WOULD BE A REQUIREMENT OF EVERY CONTRACT WITH A FOREIGN COMPANY, AND THAT IT WOULD BE REJECTED IN THE PROVISION OF EXPATRIATE QUOTAS.

IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THIS COMMITMENT IS EVIDENT AND MEANINGFUL IN UPCOMING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.

C. WE HAVE AS YET LITTLE REASON TO EXPECT THAT THE FMG'S APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM WILL BE ANY BETTER ORGANIZED OR MORE EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENTED THAN ITS ATTACK ON ANY OF THE OTHER MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING THE NATION (E.G., INFLATION, TRANSPORTATION BOTTLENECKS, POPULATION PLANNING, AGRICULTURAL MALAISE, URBAN CONGESTION, ETC.) YAR'ADUA'S ASSIGNMENT TO THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, AND THE OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE HE IS ATTACHING TO IT ARE INDICATIVE OF THE PRIORITY THE FMG AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL ATTACHES TO THE MATTER.

D. WE WILL TRANSMIT MORE DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE WE SHOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY VIEWS FROM STATE/AID

CONCERNING POSSIBLE USG RESPONSES TO THIS IMPORTANT FMG
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